

# 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC)

Hands on enrichment activities in a safe setting



## 2017-2018 School Year Achievements:

- Doubled enrollment from 77 to 135
- Met the federally mandated 50 students served for 30 days for the first time
- Continue to create new community partnerships and strengthen existing ones
- Brought in new presenters as well as CLC favorites

## Our Mission:

*The St. Croix Falls Community Learning Center believes that all students should have the opportunity to pursue their interests in unique, personal and creative ways.*

- 135 students enrolled
- Average nightly attendance: 30 students
- Hands On Activities—  
Animals, Art, STEM
- College Readiness—  
Problem solving,  
Literacy, Math skills
- Life Skills—  
Cooking, Sewing,  
Woodworking



# Why After School Programming?

After school programs help break the cycle of generational poverty and support parents as they work to provide for their families. Rather than returning to an empty home, CLC programs provide students with a safe and fun environment. Students have the opportunity to try new activities, learn life skills through hands-on activities and meet people with the same interests as themselves. With tutoring and mentoring available, students are able to finish homework, get help on projects and make sure they are up-to-date on assignments. Partnerships with community members and businesses create positive relationships between adults and students. By providing mentorship and guidance, caring staff help students build self-confidence and social skills that will last a lifetime.

## TEACHER COMMENTS

As a special education teacher I have been very happy to have CLC as another resource for helping students with disabilities grow socially and academically. Students have benefited from the interesting learning activities that are taught by a variety of highly qualified individuals, the social interaction and the structured environment with support to complete homework. I have seen students that attend CLC mature socially, academically and in study skills. CLC is a valuable addition to the students in our school district making a lasting impact on the future of our community. —Katherine Scharfenberg

CLC is a great program for the students. I often hear students talk about the activity from the previous night in CLC. They are glad to talk about the activities and feel special to have taken part in the fun. The tutoring in CLC is talked about often. Students mention that they had problems with an assignment and the high school helpers in CLC tutored them on the skills.

—Sam Malm 5th Grade Teacher

The CLC program has offered students in the middle school an opportunity to grow socially, emotionally and academically. Students that attend the program on a regular basis are offered support for academics and student workers are able to spend time with kids on developing relations with other children. The CLC staff work diligently to provide a wide array of activities to meet the diverse needs of many students. —Joe Connors, Middle School Principal

## PARENTS APPRECIATE:

*Homework Help; Late Bus; Life Skills Training; Hands-On Project; Engaging, Fun, Safe Environment; Social Interaction*



## THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT VOICE

Students who help plan activities have a vested interest in attending the activities. At CLC, student voice is represented by surveys, a suggestion box, students speaking with staff and conversations. This allows students to actively participate in programming, teaching them that their voice matters and is heard.